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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: R.J. Crowley Attorney Docket No.: BSME125003
Application No.: 08/922,263 Art Unit: 3735 / Confirmation No.: 1365
Filed: September 2, 1997 Examiner: D.M. Shay
Title: INTERVENTIONAL PHOTONIC ENERGY EMITTER SYSTEM

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

March 2, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response to an Office Action in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required.

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 2, 2005, set to expire on February 2, 2006, be extended by 1 month, to expire on March 2, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$120.

C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 169330 in the amount of \$120 to cover the required fee for the request for extension of time.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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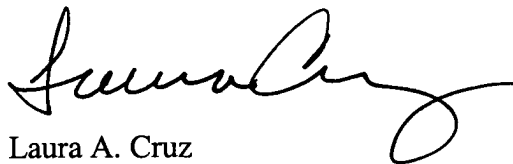
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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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